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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter (*underlining*) and deleted subject matter (*strikethrough*), as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a computer of handling network activation ~~between a computer and a carrier~~, the method comprising:
 - receiving at a plug-in device a command from a driver to initiate network activation procedures with a selected carrier, wherein said driver is generic to various carriers and said plug-in device includes components that are tailored to said selected carrier;
 - determining at the plug-in device a network activation status of the computer;
 - sending, by the plug-in device, a request to a device having network carrier activation information;
 - receiving, at the plug-in device, the network carrier activation information from the device; and
 - configuring the computer with the network carrier activation information in order to establish network activation with the carrier.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the received command includes a launch code to initiate a particular network carrier activation procedure.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the device having network carrier activation information is a single in-line memory module (SIMM) card configured to be compatible with the carrier.

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4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of determining a network carrier activation status comprises determining if the computer has a current single in-line memory module (SIMM) card that is compatible with the carrier.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein the step determining a network carrier activation status further comprises:

determining if the computer was previously network activated with a pervious single in-line memory module (SIMM) card; and
determining if the previous SIMM card is the current SIMM card.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of determining a network carrier activation status comprises:

receiving an activation security key from a user of the computer; and
determining if the activation security key is valid for the carrier.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the device having the network carrier activation information is a server of the carrier.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the steps of sending and receiving are carried out in a protocol specific to the carrier.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the network carrier activation information that is received includes an access number that allows the computer to access network services of the carrier.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of configuring the computer comprises storing an access number that allows the computer to access network services of the carrier.

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11. (Currently Amended) A plug-in device configured to be operable in a generic activation framework, the plug-in device comprising:

an application program interface (API) tailored to a particular carrier, wherein the API is configured to receive a network carrier activation command from a **[[generic]]** driver device in a computer that is generic to various carriers.

12. (Original) The plug-in device of Claim 11, wherein the plug-in device is an application configured to be initiated in a personal digital assistant.

13. (Original) The plug-in device of Claim 11, further comprising a user interface configured to query a user for an activation security key to access services of a carrier.

14. (Previously Presented) The plug-in device of Claim 11, wherein upon receiving a particular network carrier activation command from the generic driver device, the application program interface (API) is configured to cause the plug-in device to determine a network carrier activation status of the computer.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions for handling a network carrier activation ~~between a computer and a carrier~~, the one or more sequences of one or more instructions including instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the steps of:

receiving at a plug-in device a command from a driver to launch network activation procedures with a selected carrier, wherein said driver is generic to various carriers and said plug-in device includes components that are tailored to said selected carrier;

determining at the plug-in device a network activation status of the computer;
sending, by the plug-in device, a request to a device having network carrier activation information;

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receiving, at the plug-in device, the network carrier activation information from the device; and

configuring the computer with the network carrier activation information in order to establish network activation with the carrier.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the received command includes a launch code to initiate a predefined network carrier activation routine.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the device having network carrier activation information is a single in-line memory module (SIMM) card configured to be compatible with the carrier.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the step of determining a network carrier activation status further causes the processor to carry out the step of determining if the computer has a current single in-line memory module (SIMM) card that is compatible with the carrier.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein the step of determining a network (carrier) activation status furthermore causes the processor to carry out the steps of:

determining if the computer was previously network carrier activated with a previous single in-line memory module (SIMM) card; and
determining if the previous SIMM card is the current SIMM card.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the step of determining a network carrier activation status further causes the processor to carry out the steps of:

receiving an activation security key from a user of the computer; and

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determining if the activation security key is valid for the carrier.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the device having the network carrier activation information is a server of the carrier.

22. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the steps of sending and receiving are carried out in a protocol specific to the carrier.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 21, wherein the network carrier activation information that is received includes an access number that allows the computer to access network services of the carrier.

24. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the step of configuring the computer further causes the processor to carry out the step of storing an access number that allows the computer to access network services of the carrier.